

TOWN OF DAVIE TOWN COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

TO: Mayor and Councilmembers

FROM/PHONE: Thomas J. Willi, Town Administrator/954-797-1035

SUBJECT: Resolution

AFFECTED DISTRICT: Town-Wide

TITLE OF AGENDA ITEM: A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO RESTORATION OF THE EVERGLADES, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING WATER QUALITY, AND SUPPORTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWARD EVERGLADES WORKING GROUP.

REPORT IN BRIEF: The Broward Everglades Working Group is an assemblage of municipal agencies whose primary focus is the restoration of the Everglades. The Everglades Forever Act on 1994, and amended in 2003, was passed by the Florida Legislature to set in place an action plan to improve water quality entering the Everglades by 2006. This resolution expresses the Town's support of the objectives set by the Broward Everglades Working Group, and agrees to take on a participatory role, so that the goals of the Everglades Forever Act can be realized.

PREVIOUS ACTIONS: not applicable

CONCURRENCES: not applicable

FISCAL IMPACT: not applicable

RECOMMENDATION(S): Motion to approve the resolution

Attachment(s): Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE, FLORIDA, REAFFIRMING ITS COMMITMENT TO RESTORATION OF THE EVERGLADES, RECOGNIZING THE IMPORTANCE OF IMPROVING WATER QUALITY, AND SUPPORTING THE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN THE BROWARD EVERGLADES WORKING GROUP.

WHEREAS, the Everglades is recognized as a vital part of Florida's natural heritage and is recognized as one of the world's most significant yet imperiled ecosystems; and

WHEREAS, two-thirds of Broward County is Everglades and restoration of the Everglades will impact the economy, environment and water supply of Broward County residents; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie is located within a drainage basin that is part of a water quality initiative to restore the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, improving water quality is a key to restore the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, phosphorus pollution discharged to the Everglades is one of the primary causes of Everglades degradation; and

WHEREAS, in 1994 the Florida Legislature passed the Everglades Forever Act which set into action a plan for meeting the proposed water quality standard of 10 parts per billion phosphorus for waters discharged to the Everglades by the year 2006; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 the South of Florida revised the 1994 Everglades Forever Act to establish a process (the Long-Term Plan) and a funding source to improve water quality entering the Everglades by 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades Forever Act of 2003 expanded the 1994 Everglades Forever Act to include those basins in Broward County that discharge to the Everglades (the C-11 West Basin, the North New River Basin and the North Springs Improvement District); and

WHEREAS, the South Florida Water Management District adopted modifications to the Long-Term Plan with specific consideration of Broward County municipalities, water management districts and the public; and

WHEREAS, the Long-Term Plan recommends the creation of a broad-based Working Group in Broward County, with members representing the municipalities, water management authorities, industry, and special interest groups, Broward County and the South Florida Water Management District ; and

WHEREAS, participation in the Working Group provides a significant leadership opportunity for local government to further the efforts to restore the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the Broward Everglades Working Group provides the opportunity for collaborative efforts to develop a Comprehensive Basin-wide Pollution Prevention Plan that may include voluntary best management practices, public outreach and training, and other efforts beneficial to the local community; and

WHEREAS, the success of Everglades restoration, the largest ecosystem restoration initiative in the world, and the ability to improve water quality to meet State law by 2006, can only be realized through the coordination and participation of local leaders; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie has a history of support for efforts to restore the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie supports the involvement and participation of local governments to restore the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Davie supports the opportunity to participate in the Broward Everglades Working Group to help achieve the goal of meeting state water quality standards by 2006.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF DAVIE OF FLORIDA:

SECTION 1. The Town of Davie recognizes the importance of restoration of the Everglades.

SECTION 2. The Town of Davie further recognizes the importance of improving the quality of water discharged to the Everglades.

SECTION 3. The Town of Davie will commit to a participatory role in the Broward Everglades Working Group by assisting the Working Group to set and achieve objectives of the Working Group.

SECTION 4. The Town of Davie will give careful consideration to actions the Town can take to realize the goals of the Everglades Forever Act.

SECTION 5. This resolution shall take effect immediately upon its passage and adoption.

PASSED AND ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

MAYOR/COUNCILMEMBER

ATTEST:

TOWN CLERK

APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2004.

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